Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Dakota Roots launched nearly four years ago, on October 20, 2006, in an effort to connect former South Dakotans with career opportunities in South Dakota to bring them home; and,

Whereas, Since then, 7,273 people have indicated they would move to South Dakota given the right career opportunity. Undoubtedly, our great quality of life is a big draw; and,

Whereas, Registrations for Dakota Roots participants have come in from all 50 states, Washington D.C., Puerto Rico, Germany, the Netherlands, Guam, and the United Kingdom; and,

Whereas, To date, we have made the dream of living and working in South Dakota a reality for 1,577 job seekers. These people have entered a broad range of occupations from engineers to registered nurses to welders to support staff; and,

Whereas, The average age of those finding jobs in South Dakota is 36 years old, which is a good indicator people are not just moving to South Dakota on their own, but they are bringing their families with them; and,

Whereas, Not only have job seekers benefited from Dakota Roots, but 57 out-of-state businesses have also expressed interest in starting-up or expanding in South Dakota through the Dakota Roots website. A total of 376 of South Dakota's current businesses also use Dakota Roots as a worker recruitment tool:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October 15, 2010, as

DAKOTA ROOTS DAY

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fifth Day of October in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Ten.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State